Weekend Weather

Today: Partly Cloudy - high 79, low 66

Saturday: Partly Cloudy -

high 77, low 63

Sunday: Thunderstorms - high 75, low 61

Sorties Squadron Month Year -120 -24 8th FW 35th FS -40 +1 80th FS -80 -24





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SecAF greets **U.S. Air Force**

By James Roche, Secretary of the U.S. Air Force

I was recently sworn in as your 20th Secretary of the Air Force and became, on that day, a proud member of a magnificent team of active airmen, guardsmen, reservists, and civilian employees. You have earned the admiration of our nation, the respect of the world, and the promise of a bright future. I already can tell you that you should be enormously proud of your achievements, from combat operations over Iraq and the Balkans to your recent validation of the Expeditionary Aerospace Force Concept. In the realm of aerospace power, you fly the best, train the best, and maintain the best. As you put it: "No One Comes Close."

We must now turn our focus to the journey ahead, and be responsive to this new century's emerging security environment. I look forward to piloting that journey with you. My focus is on developing new strategies for military aerospace power in this new millennium; improving Air Force retention, professional education, and leadership development; eliminating the inefficiencies in how we do our business; and developing our acquisition policies and processes to insure innovation and competitive vibrancy within our defense industrial base over the long haul. My vision is an aerospace future just as remarkable as your admired past: undeniable and global reconnaissance and strike superiority. My pledge to you is that I will serve the way you do every day, worldwide - with integrity, selflessness, and in earnest pursuit of excellence.

In 1963, President Kennedy

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Photos by Senior Airman Lanie McNeal, 8th CS/VI

Theme park fun

Left: Cho, Min Hee from Kae Chong orphanage waves at volunteers from Kunsan Air Base during a trip to Everland Amusement Park Saturday. Right: Senior Airman Chris Harris, 8th Security Forces Squadron, and his child for the day, Young Shim, pose for the camera at the front entrance of Everland. The money for the event came from the base chapel, 80th Fighter Squadron Juvats Top-4, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron Firefighter's Association, Chiefs' Association, Anchor and Arc, Company Grade Officers' Council, 8th Transportation Squadron, 8th Services Squadron and 8th Communications Squadron.

PACAF commander readies command for future operations

By Tech. Sgt. Chris Haug Pacific Air Forces News Service

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii - Equipping Pacific Air Forces with the resources it needs, integrating core values in every aspect of operations, dealing with retention issues and ensuring quality in the lives of his people are all top priorities for PACAF's 28th com-

Armed with lessons learned as one of the point men for the air raids on Serbian forces in Kosovo, Gen. William Begert, PACAF commander, strongly believes in a military culture based on the Air Force core values. Begert took command May

"Airmen need to understand the mission and appreciate the importance of what they do," he said. "They need to understand that leadership is doing their best to improve things to make that mission run smoother and better." Just as important, airmen need to feel appreciated for their service.

To achieve this, Begert plans to emphasize a leadership culture from the numbered air force commanders to the squadron commanders that "helps people realize how important they are and how important what they are doing is to the Air Force and to the nation."

Full Service MAJCOM

Describing Pacific Air Forces as a "Full Service Major Command," Begert said that he will do everything in his power to provide the resources and equipment necessary, but that the commanders in the field will need to make sure they are ready when the call comes from the theater commander in chief.

"A full-service MAJCOM is a command that brings to the CINC the entire capability of the U.S. Air Force," Begert said. "We will provide every core competency that we have in the Air Force to the CINC so that he can wrestle with the capabilities that he needs knowing that

he has everything the Air Force has to

The range of capabilities the general referred to included fighter, bomber, airlift, tanker, space, information warfare and unmanned aerial vehicle operations.

"Whether it be precision attack or any other core competency, PACAF has the expertise in the headquarters and in the field to be able to provide not just the raw capability, but planning and the detailed options for the CINC and the national command authorities to consider," the general said.

Core Values

Basing the success of the command on the quality of today's airmen, Begert described the importance of adhering to the Air Force's core values.

The commander emphasized that the Air Force core values define the Air Force culture. The first core value,

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